

Southeast Colorado PACT Act Event

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS) and area Veteran service officers will assist Southeast Colorado Veterans with understanding a new expansion of benefits related to military environmental exposures. VA ECHCS Director Michael Kilmer will kick off the event at noon Aug. 8 in La Junta.

Tuesday, Aug. 8
Town hall, noon - 1 p.m.
Claims clinic, 1 - 4 p.m.
La Junta Senior Center,
114 East 2nd Street, La Junta, CO 81050

One-on-one support

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, or PACT Act, expands VA health care eligibility and benefits for Veterans with toxic exposures during the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras. To get the latest information on this historic expansion of benefits, visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

From 1 to 4 p.m., county and VA staff will assist Veterans with initiating a PACT Act-related claim. Veterans who apply for PACT Act-related benefits before Aug. 10 may have benefits backdated to Aug. 10 last year—the day the bill was signed.

VA ECHCS patient services assistants will enroll Veterans into VA health care and schedule health and wellness appointments, as nurses screen Veterans for toxic exposures. Veterans with exposure concerns may be connected to information about benefits, registry exams and clinical resources. This effort is an important step in prioritizing exposure-informed care for Veterans.

Veterans will also get assistance with community care consults, caregiver support and home and community-based services for extended care needs.

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